

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Wayne E. Atkins of Oregon, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Eightieth Birthday with a special celebration on April 11, 2005; and

Whereas, on April 11, 1925, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Wayne, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Wayne Atkins had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage on July 26, 1945, to Mary Helen Graham Atkins and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Wayne Atkins with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include his children and their spouses, Robbie and Lonnie Atkins of Iola, Kansas, Joe Ellen and Rick Lincoln of Trimble, and Wayne D. and Lila Atkins and Ron Atkins of Oregon; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Wayne Atkins has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a World War II veteran of the United States Army and endeavoring as a farmer and raising livestock in Holt County for six decades; and

Whereas, Wayne Atkins derives a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through his affiliation with Oregon United Methodist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to him as a cherished member; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 80, Wayne Atkins is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Wayne Atkins at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Wayne E. Atkins, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Lager
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2360, adopted April 20, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker